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| Inventors | : Yoshihiro Yazawa | Docket No.: 1374-DIV-01 |
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| | : Yoshihiro Ozaki | |
| | : Kunio Fukuda | |
| | : Yukihiro Baba | |
| Title | : FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET WITH | |
| | : EXCELLENT WORKABILITY AND METHOD | |
| | : FOR MAKING THE SAME | |

Dated: August 25, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: